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FLAGSTAFF WOMAN FACES FEDERAL MAIL THEFT CHARGES

FLAGSTAFF – United States Postal Inspectors arrested Flagstaff resident Shanon Renee Trosper on Sunday night in Flagstaff on a federal arrest warrant for Theft of United States Mail.

On April 2, 2007, an alert U.S. Postal Service Letter Carrier observed a woman taking mail out of customers' mail boxes while delivering his round in the Doney Park area of Coconino County, north of Flagstaff. The Carrier immediately notified Postal Inspectors and Coconino County Deputies. An investigation by Postal Inspectors and local authorities identified the woman as Shanon Renee Trosper.

"The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is committed to preserving the public's trust in our nation's postal system," stated Oscar Villanueva, Los Angeles Division Postal Inspector in Charge. "We take the theft of mail very seriously, and aggressively investigate and bring to justice those responsible for these illegal acts."

Trosper made her initial appearance Monday afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark E. Aspey. A preliminary and detention hearing is scheduled for April 18 at 10 a.m. If convicted of the felony charges, Trosper is facing a maximum of five years in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Individuals may report the theft of any mailing correspondence to the Inspection Service, either by calling 602-223-3660 or visiting the website www.usps.com/postalinspectors. These reports help Inspectors identify problem areas. Postal Inspectors have a standing reward offer of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone stealing mail or possessing stolen mail.

A criminal complaint is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Coconino County Sheriff's Office. The prosecution is being handled by Camille Bibles, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Flagstaff.

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